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SUBJECT: ROKG ASKS FOR SUPPORT FROM INTELLECTUALS, MILITARY
LEADERS AND JUDGES

1. PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO RECENT ROKG CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF YUSHIN (REVITALIZING REFORMS). ON OCCASION ANNIVERSARY OF "CHARTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION" DECEMBER 5, PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG PIL READ PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT CALLING ON INTELLECTUALS TO SERVE NATION. PREVIOUS DAY MAJOR MILITARY COMMANDERS MET WITH PRESIDENT AFTER PLEDGING FULL SUPPORT OF YUSHIN AT DEFENSE MINISTRY MEETING. SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE ON DECEMBER 5 ALSO CALLED ON NATION'S LEADING JURISTS TO SUPPORT YUSHIN "IN ORDER TO TIDE OVER PRESENT DIFFICULTIES."

2. PRESIDENTS EDUCATION MESSAGE CALLED ON INTELLECTUALS TO CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT AND BY PROVIDING "CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM." AT SAME TIME HE WARNED AGAINST THOSE WHO PERSIST IN IRRESPONSIBLE REMARKS AND ACTIONS CAUSING DIVISION OF NATIONAL CONSENSUS OR SOCIAL CHAOS. HE ASSERTED THAT FIRST ORDER BUSINESS IF

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NORTH. PRESIDENT THANKED "MAJORITY" OF PEOPLE STRIVING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF YUSHIN REFORMS.

3. DECEMBER 4 DEFENSE MINISTER SUH MET WITH MORE THAN 100 MILITARY COMMANDERS, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN JOINT CHIEFS AND ALL SERVICE CHIEFS. SUH CALLED ON MILITARY TO MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY IN TAKING LEAD IN YUSHIN REFORMS AND "SMASHING ANY PROVOCATIONS FROM INSIDE OR OUTSIDE COUNTRY." COMMANDERS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH KOREA DEFENSE INDUSTRY, CONSTRUCTION BASES CLOSE TO DMZ, AND TUNNEL IN DMZ AND MND SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED NORTH'S ACTIVITIES AS PREPARATIONS FOR LARGE SCALE INFILTRATION FOR "BLITZKRIEF WARFARE." SUH SAID NATION FACES CRITICAL PERIOD DUE TO GROWING THREAT FROM NORTH COMBINED WITH ECONOMIC RECESSION AND CALLED ON MILITARY TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT WAR READINESS TO PREVENT NORTH KOREAN MISCALCULATION. AFTER PLEDGING FULL SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT PARK'S YUSHIN REFORMS 56 COMMANDERS MET WITH PRESIDENT AT BLUE HOUSE.

5. ACCORDING TO PRESS, CHIEF JUSTICE MIN POK-KI URGED SUPPORT OF YUSHIN AT GENERAL MANAGEMENT MEETING OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, ALSO ATTENDED BY CHIEF JUDGES OF OTHER COURTS. MIN REPORTEDLY AID EVERY JUDGE SHOULD MAKE NATIONAL SECURITY FIRST PRIORITY IN ORDER TO PREVENT NORTH KOREA FROM COMMUNIZING SOUTH.

6. COMMENT: THESE EFFORTS ARE ALL CLEARLY PART OF ROKG'S CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN TO RALLY ITS SUPPORTERS, ISOLATE STRONGEST OPPONENTS, AND TO MAKE CLEAR ONCE AGAIN THAT IT WILL NOT BROOK MAJOR OPPOSITION OUTBREAKS.
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